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Amendment in Reply to Final Office Action of August 18, 2006

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 5, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

The calculations of angular width for FIGS. 2A and 2B are based on a round cross section rod. It is also possible to use other cross-sections. In particular, the cross-sections may be elliptical as shown in FIG. 3, square as shown in FIG. 4, or more generally, any combination of straight and curved edges as shown in FIG. 5, possibly varying in configuration along the length of the rod for example as may be provided by a combination of any of the configurations shown in FIGs. 3-5. These generalizations allow further control of the output angular distribution, permitting an inexpensive customization of distinct illumination products. It is also possible to vary the width of the paint stripe along the rod to gain still more control of the output angular distribution.